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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C. F. R. §1.111

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action in the above identified application dated October 6, 2003. The response is filed on behalf of the Applicants under 37 C. F. R. §1.34. Claims 1-15 are currently pending in the application.

Response to Election/Restriction of Claims Pursuant to 35 U.S. C. §121

In the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003, Examiner has restricted Applicants to one of the following inventions pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-9 and 11-15, drawn to a method for preparing a coating composition, classified in class 526, subclass 328.
- II. Claim 10, drawn to an aqueous composition, classified in class 106, subclass 14.05+.

Applicants elect invention II directed to the composition of matter, a coating composition, as claimed in claim 10. Applicants make said election to the Examiner without prejudice. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned to discuss any issues related to this application by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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